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1. AFTER LENGTHY CONSIDERATION, THE COURT OF APPEALS OF ATHENS HAS NOW OFFICIALLY INDICTED 34 INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR CONNECTION WITH THE BLOODY "POLYTECHNIC" INCIDENT IN NOVEMBER 1973 IN WHICH SEVERAL DOZEN WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED AND MANY MORE WOUNDED. INCLUDED IN THE GROUP ARE GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS AND DIMITRIOS IOANNIDES AS WELL AS THE FORMER COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES, GENERAL DIMITRIOS ZAGORIANAKOS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THEN-PRIME MINISTER SPYROS MARKEZINIS, CONSIDERED BY MANY TO HAVE BEEN MERELY A FIGUREHEAD DURING HIS TENURE, WAS NOT INDICTED.

2. SIXTEEN OF THE ACCUSED WERE ALREADY BEING HELD UNDER PRE-TRIAL IMPRISONMENT, AND TEN MORE WERE DETAINED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INDICTMENT. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE TRIAL MAY BE SET FOR THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER, PROMISING AN ADDITIONAL VENTING OF EMOTION AGAINST THE JUNTA FIGURES.
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